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AUSTRALIA

TABLE A.I.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Including Part-time Relief Workers in actual employment or number equivalent thereto).
 (See "Supplementary Notes", Issue No. 3)

Period		New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland (a)	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Six States
<u>Average for year -</u>								
1936-37	..	787,492	567,874	234,500	172,750	141,390	53,941	1,956,947
1937-38	..	838,583	591,884	245,800	182,863	145,410	57,092	2,061,632
1938-39	..	846,489	602,725	257,700	182,650	147,544	62,484	2,099,592
1939-40	..	858,012	621,312	263,000	184,206	146,150	65,507	2,138,187
<u>1939-40 - Month -</u>								
July	..	842,937	589,816	262,800	181,212	148,051	60,910	2,085,726
August	..	841,242	589,883	268,300	182,692	145,843	61,540	2,089,500
September	..	847,235	593,642	269,500	181,556	143,770	61,728	2,097,431
October	..	858,319	612,632	270,800	181,745	144,647	62,695	2,130,838
November	..	863,986	624,783	270,800	182,057	146,597	63,935	2,152,158
December	..	882,291	632,159	269,200	189,715	151,502	66,338	2,191,205
January	..	858,475	629,337	267,700	183,286	147,612	68,548	2,154,958
February	..	866,057	632,849	262,100	184,296	145,862	67,950	2,159,114
March	..	872,824	635,500	254,700	185,543	146,592	70,102	2,165,261
April	..	857,971	641,933	250,100	186,871	145,787	68,432	2,151,094
May	..	842,975	636,417	250,900	186,344	145,214	68,461	2,130,311
June	..	861,836	636,802	259,100	185,147	144,519	65,450	2,152,854
<u>1940-41 - Month -</u>								
July	..	869,705	631,454(b)	265,100	183,047	145,721	64,926(b)	2,159,953
August	..	876,272	631,263(b)	269,900	184,922	143,688	64,656(b)	2,170,701

(a) Monthly figures are the average for the three months ended in the month indicated.

(b) Subject to revision.

TABLE A.II.

INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES (a).

(Base: 1928-29 = 100)

(See "Supplementary Notes", Issue No. 3).

Period	New South Wales	Vic- to- ria	Queens- land	South Aus- tralia	West- ern Aus- tralia	Tas- mania	Australian Index		Divided by Index of Employee Population
							Unad- justed	Unad- justed	
Number of Employees in -									
1928-29 ..	174,120	149,266	43,436	35,376	19,799	9,984	431,981	-	
Index for -									
1928-29 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	100.0	
1938-39 ..	127	130	119	119	112	132	125.9	111.6	
1939-40 ..	129	132	121	121	108	138	127.9	112.1	
<u>1939 -</u>									
February ..	126	131	115	123	112	141	126.2	111.7	
March ..	128	133	117	125	112	140	127.9	113.1	
April ..	127	131	113	121	111	137	126.4	111.7	
May ..	127	131	119	118	112	134	126.5	111.7	
June ..	127	129	120	115	110	132	125.3	110.5	
July ..	124	122	121	116	107	120	121.6	107.1	
August ..	124	123	122	119	107	119	122.3	107.7	
September ..	126	125	124	115	105	125	123.3	108.5	
<u>1940 -</u>									
February ..	131	137	116	123	109	145	130.4	114.2	
March ..	133	138	121	126	108	151	132.3	115.7	
April ..	130	139	118	127	108	148	131.8	114.7	
May ..	125	136	124	126	108	151	128.6	112.3	
June ..	130	135	125	125	106	150	130.2	113.6	
July (b) ..	133	135	129	123	106	146	131.3	114.5	
August ..	135	135	131	126	105	146	132.4	115.3	
September ..									
Number of Factories in Sample	1,901	100	150	147	92	49	2,439	-	
Percentage of Employees in Sample in 1938-39	86	21	45	60	32	55	54	-	

(a) Excluding Working Proprietors.

(b) Revised figures.

A comparison of factory employment in August, 1940 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with the previous month of July, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, +1.5; Victoria, nil; Queensland, +1.6; South Australia, +2.5; Western Australia, -0.9; Tasmania, nil; Australia, +0.8 (or, taking account of the growth of employee population, +0.7).

From July, 1939 the index numbers are based on the 1938-39 final figures and are subject to revision.

TABLE A, IV.
MONTHLY INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.
 (Base: July, 1933 = 100).
 (See "Supplementary Notes", Issue No. 3)

Month	New South Wales	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Australia	Western Australia	Tas-mania	Australia	
							Unad-justed Index	Index divided by Index of Employee Population
Index for -								
1938-39	132	142	114	114	116	133	130.0	122.5
1939-40	132	144	117	112	115	139	130.9	122.0
1939 -								
February..	134	141	113	112	113	131	129.8	122.2
March ..	129	139	113	111	113	132	127.2	119.6
April ..	129	139	112	111	113	133	127.4	119.7
May ..	131	141	114	111	113	134	128.7	120.8
June ..	130	142	118	113	113	138	129.5	121.4
July ..	133	138	116	110	119	138	129.4	121.2
August ..	129	137	114	109	114	134	126.8	118.7
September	129	137	114	112	111	133	126.6	118.4
1940 -								
February..	135	139	114	110	115	138	130.0	121.0
March ..	131	140	114	110	116	137	128.6	119.6
April ..	129	144	116	111	115	137	129.5	120.4
May ..	130	145	116	111	114	145	130.6	121.3
June ..	130	149	116	111	114	138	131.1	121.6
July ..	131	142	116	110	116	138	129.6	120.1
August ..	130	140	114	111	112	137	128.3	118.8
September								
Number of establish-ments now furnishing returns	599	102	120	35	69	14	939	939

A comparison of employment in retail stores in August, 1940 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with August, 1939, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, +0.8; Victoria, +2.2; Queensland, nil; South Australia, +1.8; Western Australia, -1.8; Tasmania, +2.2; Australia, +1.2 (or, taking account of the growth of employee population, +0.1).

AUSTRALIA.

The following are the latest figures of employment and unemployment for Tables A.III, A.V, A.VIII, A.IX, A.X. These figures can be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 6 of the Monthly Circular on Employment and Unemployment.

TABLE A.III.

July, 1940: n.a.; 64.2; 82.0; 78.9; 77.7; 75.0; 70.4.

August, 1940: n.a.; 64.2; 82.0; 80.0; 77.9; 75.0; 70.6

n.a. - Not Available.

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TABLE A.V.

July, 1940 (Revised)(a): 77,789; 264,363; 18,562; 54,953; 415,667; 10,800.

August, 1940 (a): 78,231; 265,524; 18,465; 53,813; 416,033; n.a.

(a) Subject to revision.

n.a. Not Available.

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TABLE A.VIII.

September Quarter, 1940 (a): 9.8; 5.8; 4.8; 6.6; 6.0; 4.7; 390; 497,082; 36,830; 7.4.

(a) Subject to revision.

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TABLE A.IX.

September Quarter, 1940 (a): 4.9; 4.4; 17.4; 7.2; 5.1; 7.4; 6.8; 9.5; 7.0; 7.2; 7.4.

(a) Subject to revision.

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TABLE A.X. (a)

August, 1940: 35,681; 8,562; 19,057; 6,797; 660; 3,811; 417; 74,985.

(a) The figures in this table should not be used to compare total unemployment as between one State and another. There is reason to believe that the proportion of registered to total unemployed differs considerably from State to State. The proportion of the total unemployed who register is known to be much higher in Queensland than in other States, since registration is a condition precedent to the claiming of benefit under the Queensland Unemployment Insurance Scheme which covers all employment to which State awards apply, certain employment not covered by State awards, and certain employment covered by Commonwealth awards.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following are the August figures of employment and unemployment for Tables N.I to N.VII. These latest figures can be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 6 of the Monthly Circular.

TABLE N.I.

August: 139,000; 22,006; 19,917; 216,379; 17,024; 6,440;
41,500.

August (Contd.): 81,426; 28,516; 29,100; 21,430; 9,146; 5,811;
617,778; 254,248; 872,026; 8,863; 4,246; 876,272.

TABLE N.II.

August: (a); 714,688; 22,006; 139,000; 872,026; 8,863;
4,246; 876,272.

(a) Number available for employment: Owing to the incidence of enlistments and the replacement of male labour by females not previously engaged in gainful employment, it is not possible, for the present, to estimate the number available for employment.

TABLE N.III.

August: 17,024; 6,440; 51,728; 25,924; 29,100; 21,430;
201,567; 9,146; 10,073; 5,811; 22,607; 400,850;
714,688.

TABLE N.IV. (P.ii).

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>August, 1940.</u>
1	2,703
3	8,615
4	70,851
6	14,783
7	3,967
8	25,440
9	28,950
10	6,695
12	14,580
13	3,738
16	4,936
2, 5,)	
11,14,)	
and 15)	16,309
<u>Total:</u>	<u>201,567</u>

TABLE N.V.

August: 27,927; 100,508; 11,704; 22,006; 162,145; 1,532.

NEW SOUTH WALES

(Continued)

TABLE N.VI.

Totals for August, 1940 (P.iv) - REVENUE

Total Governmental	=	88,271
Total Semi-Governmental	=	<u>6,580</u>
<u>TOTAL REVENUE:</u>		<u>94,851</u>

Totals for August, 1940 (P.v) - LOAN

Total Governmental	=	5,854
Total Semi-Governmental	=	<u>4,475</u>
<u>TOTAL LOAN:</u>		<u>10,329</u>

Commonwealth Defence Works under supervision of:

Works and Local Government Department	=	2,698
Department of Main Roads ..	=	1,432
Railways ..	=	173

Part Time Workers - Cleaners and Others
normally employed for less than a full
working day = 2,080

Prince Henry Hospital .. = 649

GRAND TOT'L (State and Semi-Govern-
mental, excluding Relief Workers): = 112,212

Totals for August, 1940 (P.vi) - Commonwealth Employees (Revenue and
Loan)

Commonwealth Employees - Full time	=	27,677
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" " - Part time	=	250
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<u>Total Commonwealth Employees:</u>	<u>27,927</u>
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GRAND TOTAL (State, Commonwealth and
Semi-Governmental - Excluding Relief
Workers): .. 137,220(a)

Employees of Contractors on Construction
Work (State Government only) 1,532

Local Government Employees (excluding
Relief Workers and Employees of pri-
vate contractors) .. = 22,006

(a) Excluding 2,919 Commonwealth and State Employees on
war service. See also Footnote (c) of Issue No.6.

TABLE N.VII.

August, 1940: 20,514; 677; 338; 1,759; 2,424; 751; 9,218;
35,681; 31,435.

VICTORIA.

The following are the latest figures of employment and unemployment for Tables V.I. to V.IV. These figures can be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 6 of the Monthly Circular.

TABLE V.I.

July, 1940 (Revised): 109,091; 200,754; 49,195; 3,992; 27,703; 390,735;
240,719; 631,454.

August, 1940 (a): 109,091; 199,939; 49,885; 3,992; 27,703; 390,610;
240,653; 631,263.

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE V.II.

August figures are not yet available.

TABLE V.III.

August, 1940: 4,244; 520; 430; 364; 193; 90; 35; 2,686; 8,562.

TABLE V.IV.

August, 1940: 103; 214; 212; 235; 41; 152; 193; 87; 43; 261; 29; 119;
79; 2,452; 4,220.

QUEENSLAND.

These figures may also be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 6 of the Monthly Circular.

TABLE Q.I.

August, 1940: 108,400; 263,600; 10,700; 382,700; 6.2.

TABLE Q.II.

July, 1940 (Revised): 6,147; 1,433; 7,580; 32,040; 5,233; 37,273; 575; 19;
594; 11,687; 431; 12,118; 50,449; 7,116; 57,565;
2,462.

August, 1940 (a): 6,150; 1,430; 7,580; 32,100; 5,200; 37,300; 589; 11; 600;
11,216; 423; 11,639; 50,055; 7,064; 57,119; 830(b).

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Excluding Commonwealth and
State Government.

TABLE Q.III.

August, 1940: 8,370; 855; 811; 849; 8,172; 17,598; 1,459; 19,057.

TABLE Q.IV.

August, 1940: 872; 1,285; 360; 93; 76; 122; 402; 234; 32; 11,969; 98;
419; 14; 372; 220; 90; 256; 115; 569; 17,598; 1,459;
19,057.

QUEENSLAND

TABLE Q.V.

PERSONS REGISTERED AS UNEMPLOYED AT CENTRAL LABOUR EXCHANGES (a).

(Persons on Live Register at end of Month)

AUGUST, 1940.

Classified Occupation	Ayr	Brisbane	Bunda-berg	Cairns	Charle-ville	Gym-pie	Innis-fail	Ips-wich	Long-reach	Mac-kay	Mary-borough	Rock-hampton	Roma	Toor-woomba	Towns-ville	War-wick	Total
Pastoral ..	-	37	-	-	39	1	-	3	18	9	-	21	17	30	30	6	211
Sugar Industry ..	8	6	32	10	-	-	10	1	-	40	1	-	-	-	4	-	112
Dairying ..	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	24
Fruit Industry ..	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
General Agriculture ..	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	-	-	7	7	-	34
Agricultural and Pastoral ..	8	66	32	10	39	1	10	4	18	60	2	21	17	43	46	6	383
Building Trades (all classes) ..	7	730	14	15	1	20	6	61	2	32	31	71	8	57	45	13	1,113
Clerical and Professional ..	-	237	5	7	-	1	1	7	-	5	3	18	3	13	26	4	430
Clothing Manufacturing, Boots and Wearing Apparel ..	-	253	1	2	-	4	-	9	-	10	4	3	-	7	6	2	301
Domestic ..	5	293	5	4	3	2	1	7	8	16	7	25	1	12	23	6	418
Engine Driving ..	-	59	2	4	-	2	1	2	-	2	3	7	6	7	8	-	103
Engineering (all classes) ..	-	258	7	1	-	6	2	21	-	5	15	21	2	15	24	1	378
Food and Drink ..	3	277	1	16	2	6	5	9	-	13	3	12	-	23	43	3	417
Hygiene and Safety (Ambulance, Hospitals, etc.) ..	2	36	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	5	6	3	57
Labouring (all classes) ..	38	4,528	172	224	52	200	73	670	47	219	293	521	63	364	544	184	8,202
Manufacturing - not elsewhere specified ..	-	88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	7	-	5	3	-	107
Meat Industry (Retail and Export), also Bacon Factories ..	-	297	3	2	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	18	1	16	14	-	357
Mining - Coal ..	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
Mining - Metalliferous ..	-	209	3	4	-	4	2	3	-	2	-	25	-	6	6	5	263
Miscellaneous ..	-	226	1	1	-	-	-	9	-	2	2	1	1	8	4	1	256
Printing - Including Newspapers ..	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	5	1	1	1	1	105
Shop Assistants ..	-	272	4	9	2	5	1	13	-	2	6	14	1	12	15	6	362
Storemen and Packers ..	1	115	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	7	-	2	6	-	138
Transportation (carrying, etc.) ..	-	226	5	11	1	14	14	25	-	12	4	24	5	23	29	7	400
Total:	64	8,370	255	310	100	267	116	855	75	386	379	811	109	619	843	242	13,807

(a) Central Exchanges are merely the larger Centres throughout the State at which officers of the Labour Department itself are stationed. For total registrations, see Tables Q.III. and Q.IV.

OTHER STATES.

The following are the latest figures of employment and unemployment for Tables S.I. to S.IV., W.I., W.II., W.III and T.I to T.IV. These figures may be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 6 of the Monthly Circular.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

TABLE S.I.

July, 1940 (Revised): 31,233; 43,623; 19,160; 923; 10,121; 105,060; 77,987;
183,047.

August, 1940: 31,497; 44,409; 19,250; 923; 10,121; 106,200; 78,722; 184,922.

TABLE S.II.

August, 1940: 5,883; 1,184; 7,067; 18,544; 4,213; 22,757; 3,068; 154; 3,222;
2,167; 153; 2,770; 30,112; 5,704; 35,816; 1,204.

TABLE S.III.

August, 1940: 5,407; 224; 123; 55; 206; 68; 75; 639; 6,797.

TABLE S.IV.

August, 1940: 187; 442; 52; 10; 16; -; 276; -; 5,497; -; -; 1; -; 316;
6,797.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

TABLE W.I.

July, 1940 (Revised)(a): 29,413; 20,893; 35,316; 11,400; 10,919; 107,941;
37,780; 145,721.

August, 1940 (a): 29,185; 20,874; 34,100; 11,400; 10,919; 106,478; 37,210;
143,688.

(a) Some duplication occurs in Government employment owing to the inclusion in the "Governmental" column of some employees of Government factories who are also included in the "Factories" column. For the months of July and August the duplication amounts to about 1,442 and 1,468, respectively.

TABLE W.II.

July, 1940 (Revised): 4,459; 1,072; 5,531; 18,084; 3,211; 21,295; 1,095; 48;
1,143; 2,873; 171; 3,044; 26,511; 4,502; 31,013; 1,291.

August, 1940: 4,457; 1,081; 5,538; 18,480; 3,279; 21,759; 957; 45; 1,002;
2,880; 174; 3,054; 26,774; 4,579; 31,353; 1,145.

TABLE W.III.

August, 1940: 548; 207; 87; -; -; 1; -; 636; 207; 843^b.

^b Includes 183 men who also registered with the Department of Employment for relief work or sustenance. In Table A.X. these men are excluded from the Labour Exchange registrations.

TASMANIA

TABLE T.I.

Complete figures are not yet available for July and August.

/TABLE T.II.

TABLE T.II.

July, 1940: 1,480; 410; 1,890; 5,538; 1,490; 7,028; 1,129; 65; 1,194;
1,822; 97; 1,919; 9,969; 2,062; 12,031; n.a.; n.a.; n.a.

August, 1940: 1,445; 417; 1,862; 5,344; 1,495; 6,839; 1,107; 61; 1,168;
1,796; 96; 1,892; 9,692; 2,069; 11,761; n.a.; n.a.; n.a.

Footnote: n.a. Not Available.

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TABLE T.III.

August, 1940: 269; 148; n.a.; n.a.

n.a. Not Available.

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TABLE T.IV.

September quarter not yet available.

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